
TITLE 312 NATURAL RESOURCES COMMISSION

Emergency Rule
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DIGEST

Temporarily amends [312 IAC 9](#) to establish a season in February 2009 for taking Canada geese (*Branta canadensis*) in 30 Indiana counties and to establish a season in spring 2009 for taking lesser snow geese and Ross's geese in support of a federal effort to control the numbers of these geese. Effective February 1, 2009.

SECTION 1. (a) This SECTION is supplemental to [312 IAC 9-4](#).

(b) A person may take a Canada goose (*Branta canadensis*) under this SECTION of this document from February 1 through February 15, 2009.

(c) A person must obtain a free permit from the department to take a Canada goose under this SECTION.

(d) In order to take a Canada goose under this SECTION, a person must satisfy all of the following requirements:

(1) Possess one (1) of the following valid Indiana hunting licenses:

- (A) resident yearly hunting license pursuant to [IC 14-22-12-1\(a\)\(2\)](#);**
- (B) resident yearly hunting and fishing license pursuant to [IC 14-22-12-1\(a\)\(3\)](#);**
- (C) nonresident yearly hunting license pursuant to [IC 14-22-12-1\(a\)\(6\)](#);**
- (D) nonresident five-day hunting license pursuant to [IC 14-22-12-1\(a\)\(10\)](#);**
- (E) resident youth consolidated hunting license pursuant to [IC 14-22-12-1\(a\)\(24\)](#) or [IC 14-22-11-10\(b\)](#);**
- (F) disabled American veteran's hunting license pursuant to [IC 14-22-12-1.5](#);**
- (G) an apprentice hunting license pursuant to [IC 14-22-12-1.7](#);**
- (H) lifetime basic hunting license pursuant to [IC 14-22-12-7\(a\)\(2\)](#);**
- (I) lifetime comprehensive hunting license pursuant to [IC 14-22-12-7\(a\)\(4\)](#);**
- (J) lifetime comprehensive hunting and fishing license pursuant to [IC 14-22-12-7\(a\)\(5\)](#);**

or be exempt from needing a license as authorized in [IC 14-22-11-1](#).

(2) Possess a valid Indiana waterfowl stamp privilege issued under [IC 14-22-7-4](#).

(3) Possess a valid Harvest Information Program registration number issued under [312 IAC 9-4-2](#).

(4) Possess a valid and signed federal migratory bird hunting and conservation stamp under 16 U.S.C. 718a.

(e) A person must comply with all requirements for hunting waterfowl in 50 CFR 20, [IC 14-22-6](#), and [312 IAC 9](#).

(f) A person may take a Canada goose in the following counties only:

- (1) Adams.**
- (2) Allen.**
- (3) Boone.**
- (4) Clay.**
- (5) Dekalb.**
- (6) Elkhart.**
- (7) Greene.**
- (8) Hamilton.**
- (9) Hancock.**
- (10) Hendricks.**
- (11) Huntington.**
- (12) Johnson.**
- (13) Kosciusko.**
- (14) LaGrange.**
- (15) LaPorte.**
- (16) Madison.**
- (17) Marion.**
- (18) Marshall.**

- (19) Morgan.
- (20) Noble.
- (21) Parke.
- (22) Shelby.
- (23) Starke.
- (24) Steuben.
- (25) St. Joseph.
- (26) Sullivan.
- (27) Vermillion.
- (28) Vigo.
- (29) Wells.
- (30) Whitley.

(g) A person may take no more than five (5) Canada geese per day. The possession limit is ten (10) Canada geese.

(h) A person who takes a Canada goose under this SECTION must cause delivery of the goose to an official goose checking station within forty-eight (48) hours of taking the goose or by 3:00 p.m. local time on February 15, 2009, whichever is sooner.

SECTION 2. SECTION 1 of this document expires February 16, 2009.

SECTION 3. (a) This SECTION of this document is supplemental to [312 IAC 9-4](#).

(b) A person may take a lesser snow goose (*Anser caerulescens*) or a Ross's goose (*Anser rossii*) under this SECTION of this document from February 16, 2009, through March 31, 2009.

(c) In order to hunt a lesser snow goose or a Ross's goose under this SECTION, a person must satisfy all of the following requirements:

(1) Possess one (1) of the following valid Indiana hunting licenses:

- (A) resident yearly hunting license pursuant to [IC 14-22-12-1\(a\)\(2\)](#);
 - (B) resident yearly hunting and fishing license pursuant to [IC 14-22-12-1\(a\)\(3\)](#);
 - (C) nonresident yearly hunting license pursuant to [IC 14-22-12-1\(a\)\(6\)](#);
 - (D) nonresident five-day hunting license pursuant to [IC 14-22-12-1\(a\)\(10\)](#);
 - (E) resident youth consolidated hunting license pursuant to [IC 14-22-12-1\(a\)\(24\)](#) or [IC 14-22-11-10\(b\)](#);
 - (F) disabled American veteran's hunting license pursuant to [IC 14-22-12-1.5](#);
 - (G) an apprentice hunting license pursuant to [IC 14-22-12-1.7](#);
 - (H) lifetime basic hunting license pursuant to [IC 14-22-12-7\(a\)\(2\)](#);
 - (I) lifetime comprehensive hunting license pursuant to [IC 14-22-12-7\(a\)\(4\)](#);
 - (J) lifetime comprehensive hunting and fishing license pursuant to [IC 14-22-12-7\(a\)\(5\)](#);
- or be exempt from needing a license as authorized in [IC 14-22-11-1](#).
- (2) Possess a valid Indiana waterfowl stamp privilege issued under [IC 14-22-7-4](#).

(d) In addition to the requirements in subsection (c), a person must obtain a free permit from the department to take a lesser snow goose or Ross's goose under this SECTION.

(e) Notwithstanding [312 IAC 9-4-2](#), a person taking a lesser snow goose or Ross's goose under this SECTION is exempted from the requirements to register for and possess an identification number through the Harvest Information Program.

SECTION 4. SECTION 3 of this document expires on April 1, 2009.

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